

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.

CITY COUNCIL.

A regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council was held last night.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The business in the Board of Aldermen was transacted with but little debate, and consisted principally in a concurrence with the action of the Common Council upon sundry bills, mostly of a private character. There were but two special orders during the evening.

A communication having been received from the Mayor, recommending an appropriation of \$300 for the purchase of wood for the poor, on motion of Dr. Johnson the resolution passed by the Common Council, some time since, authorizing a purchase by the Committee on the Poor, of one hundred cords of wood, was taken up.

Dr. Johnson thought that to prevent imposition, and to have an equal distribution in the various Wards, the Overseers of the Poor, acting in conjunction with the Mayor, should give out the wood.

Mr. Moore thought it would be preferable to contract with some one of the wood yards, the wood to be delivered per order.

The communication of the Mayor was received, and the resolution of the Common Council adopted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Latham on the special committee on the claim of Dr. J. B. Johnson, and Mr. Lawson on the Committee on the Codification of the Laws, to fill vacancies.

An opinion of the Corporation Attorney in relation to damages sustained by J. R. Gray by overflow of his property, asserting that if the said damages were caused by a change of drain made by the Corporation, then he was entitled to recover, but suggesting a reference of the matter to a committee, or to the Board of Public Works, was read.

Mr. Latham moved its reference to a special committee.

Dr. French moved to refer to the Board of Public Works, who, he said, had jurisdiction, and should take cognizance of such matters.

Mr. Latham thought such reference would be instituting a bad precedent, as the Board of Public Works might have to sit in judgment sometime upon their own work.

Dr. Johnson favored a reference to the Board of Public Works.

The question being taken Dr. French's amendment was lost—ayes 2, noes 3, and the opinion was referred to a special committee, consisting, on the part of this Board, of Messrs. Latham and Johnson.

The bill fixing the board of the Treasurer, passed by the Common Council, was taken up and passed.

A message from the Common Council, announcing that that body adhered to its action in reference to the repairs to the Stone Bridge, ordering the Committee on Streets to have the needed repairs made, and asking a committee of conference, having been read.

Dr. Johnson said the whole difficulty could have been obviated if the committee had presented plans.

The Board adhering to its action Messrs. Latham and Lawson were appointed on the Committee of Conference.

Dr. Johnson then announced the death of J. C. Underwood, late a member of the Board, and having offered the customary resolutions, which were adopted, the Board adjourned, with the understanding that it will meet to-night at 7 1/2 o'clock.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Mr. McKenzie, from the Finance Committee, reported a bill providing for the bond of the City Treasurer.

Mr. Evans thought that \$20,000 was a very small bond for an officer, who, in the course of the year, handled \$150,000. It was admitted that he sometimes had \$40,000 at one time. It seemed to him that \$40,000 was not too much.

Mr. McKenzie was not wedded to the \$20,000, but thought that as the salary was but \$200 it would be difficult to fill the office if a bond so high was required.

The application of Mr. E. C. Fletcher, agent of Mrs. Russell, for the return of \$112.80, paid for paving the sidewalk at the street intersection, occasioned some debate.

Mr. Evans thought the subject should be referred to the Committee on General Laws or the City Attorney, in order that the law upon the subject might be stated.

Mr. Hughes had never known a case in which the city had paid for such paving. The law upon the subject did not seem very plain, and the Council had directed a declaratory resolution to be introduced into the code, making it the duty of the property owner to have the corners paved.

The petition was referred.

Mr. McKenzie presented the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation from June 1st, 1873, to December 1st, 1873:

Receipts and Expenditures of the Corporation from January 1st, 1873, to Dec. 1st, 1873.	
Gas Deposits.	\$ 8,982 92
Received of J. T. Hill, Collector.	49,243 44
" S. K. Fields.	40,443 44
Mayor.	10,052 91
Hay Scales.	43 30
Auditor, Dog Tax.	450 00
Superintendent of Police.	39 50
Old Market Rents.	171 27
Rent of Fish Wharf after Season.	138 95
Sale of Hospital House.	100 00
J. T. Hill.	\$100,682 61
	1,260 22

Gas Expenditures, \$ 9,153 28

Expense of Council, 334 89

Fire Department, 1,819 01

Public Schools, 4,200 00

Expenses of Market Square, 2,899 77

Low Expenses Court Jurors and Elections, 2,682 92

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License Tax Refunded, 295 50

Police and Night Watch, 7,150 22

Alms House, 3,222 78

Pumps, 163 22

Printing and Advertising, 645 57

Expenses of Public Property, of which \$1,000 was paid out upon American

Coal Company's Wharf, 1,034 69

Salaries, 3,789 47

Street Cleaning, 1,640 16

" Repairing, 1,734 24

Temporary Loans Repaid and Int., 10,723 62

Coupons, Registered Stock, and Paid Interest, 40,850 60

Stock Redeemed, 1,566 00

Small Notes Redeemed, 78 00

Since Paid to December 6th.

Salaries, \$1,506 37

Coupons, 210 00

Courts, 136 50

Printing Bonds, 85 75

Alms House, 113 64

Streets, 91 75

Taxes Refunded, 180 00

232,401

\$87,204 69

Mr. Eichberg said, according to that statement, the city would be a little short in its gas account, but that was owing to the fact that notes from the previous year had been renewed and paid, in addition to which he would state that the receipts mentioned were those of the two quarters in which the smallest quantity of gas was consumed, besides having coal enough on hand to last until the 1st of next April.

A communication from W. B. Gregory, President of the Little River Turnpike Company, with reference to repairs to the Stone Bridge, referred by the Board of Aldermen to the Committee on Streets, with instructions to advertise for proposals to do the work coming up.

Mr. Hughes said it was the material that

cost, and there was no one here who had such material, and the city would have to get the material abroad, and bring it here. The Committee on Streets had been blamed without reason when they were going right on doing their duty. It had been said they spent 25 cts. to carry a plank that only cost \$1.25. Now the fact was unless the plank had been sent for in that way, the labor of a dozen men would have stopped, and the loss been many times 25 cts. He thought there was a good deal of nonsense in this matter of advertising for the lowest bidder. There seemed to be an Alderman from the Third Ward, who had nothing to do but to look after the Committee on Streets. If he would attend to his own business he would be better employed.

The communication was referred to a conference committee, who recommended that the repairs be made at once, and their report was adopted.

The Board concurred in the action of the Board of Aldermen upon several bills without debate, and having been informed by the President of the Board of Aldermen of the passage by that Board of resolutions respecting the death of J. C. Underwood, a late member of that Board, the Common Council adjourned till the next regular meeting.

LOCAL NEWS.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.—On Friday morning last, as the western bound freight train on the C. & O. Railroad was passing the bridge at Midway house in this place, about 1:30 o'clock, some person threw a rock at the conductor, Mr. Geo. F. Patterson, but failed to hit him; it, however, struck the colored cook in the mouth, and knocked out several of his teeth. The conductor fired his pistol at the villain throwing the missile, stopped his train and came to town to make complaint.

It is to be hoped that this midnight, would-be assassin may yet be brought to justice. *—Charlotteville Republican.*

Since the above was first published the would-be assassin, James W. Craddock, formerly a brakeman on the road, but discharged at the instance of Mr. Patterson for drunkenness, has been arrested, but gave security for his appearance at Charlottesville to-day for trial. Mr. Patterson was formerly passenger conductor on the A. & W. R. R.

FEAR OF ROBBERS.—The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says: "There is abroad in the community a widely extended feeling of distrust in the safety of travelers on the Alexandria and Washington turnpike after dark. Several well authenticated cases of the stoppage of travelers over that road by foot-pads, and a large number of like instances that need authentication, have been reported. It seems scarcely possible that such insecurity should exist within sight of the capital. The great difficulty in the way of properly guarding the road is that it runs through a very small county, two-thirds of whose population are freedmen, and the expense of a proper police force would fall with excessive weight upon the few persons in the county upon whose estates the whole burden of taxation falls."

PROPERTY SALES.—The following mentioned pieces of real estate were sold to-day by public auction by F. A. Kerby, real estate agent: A brick tenement and lot of ground at the northeast corner of the intersection of Columbus and Cameron streets, to R. G. White, for \$1,325 cash; a lot of ground on the east side of Fairfax street, between Gibson and Franklin streets, belonging to Jas. Rodgers, to Michael Bossart, for \$160; a farm in Fairfax county, near Manassas, belonging to Aaron Brown, containing 304 acres, to Henry Sandman, for \$12.50 per acre.

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge E. M. Lowe presiding.—Burroughs vs. Harper & Bro., &c.; in chancery; decree for sale.

The accounts of Dr. Gibson and T. J. McHaffey & Co. were allowed.

Johnson vs. Roush et als.; in chancery; answer of S. F. Beach filed.

Dyer, &c., vs. Davis et als.; in chancery; petition of John F. Dyer and wife filed.

Court adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow.

POLICE REPORT.—The following cases have been reported since yesterday's issue of the Gazette:

John Carter, a member of the chain gang, for an assault upon John Graham, was sentenced to an additional term of thirty days service.

Mike Morrissey, for disorderly conduct, was fined and discharged.

Only one lodger was accommodated at the station house last night.

NEW MUSIC.—We received to-day from the music store of Mr. Victor Becker, No. 112 King street, where all the new music can be obtained.

"Spring, Gentle Spring Waltz," by C. E. Bratt; "Invincible Galop," by E. Kate Cummings; and "Chiming Bells of Long Ago," song and chorus; words by Cooper, music by Shattuck.

VIRGINIA TELEGRAPH COMPANY.—The meeting of the Virginia Telegraph Company, to have been held to-day, was informally adjourned for want of a quorum until the next annual meeting. The old officers, Robt. Beverly, President, and W. D. Corse, secretary and treasury, will hold over. No reports were submitted.

Some of the nicest things in the shape of needle cases ever seen in these parts can now be obtained at the D. F. Witmer Co.'s dry goods house, corner of King and Royal streets. They are gotten up in excellent style, and would do for presents to industrious lady friends—if one is blessed with such.

WANTED.—Extra inducements offered to reliable, energetic men to canvass personally in the counties of Loudoun, Fairfax, Prince William, Fauquier, Stafford, Culpeper, Rappahannock, Madison, Greene, Spotsylvania, and Stafford. The WEDDING FAVORITE SEWING MACHINE is acknowledged to be the most simple, durable and satisfactory machine ever used, and is undoubtedly the most saleable Sewing Machine in the market. Call in person, if possible, or address WEDDING S. M. CO., 409 9th st., Washington, D. C. no 29-2w

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W. C. V. M. & G. S. R. R. dec 5

JAMES S. FRENCH,

ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Will, for the future, give his entire time to his profession. Being for a long time one of the Chief Examiners in the U. S. Patent Office will give special attention to Patent cases and application for Patents.

His office for the present will be at his residence, No. 49 Royal street, Alexandria, Va. dec 2-3m

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, December 10, 1873.

In the Senate, to-day, a number of memorials from various Young Men's Christian Association and temperance societies, asking legislation prohibiting the traffic in ardent spirits, were presented, and some debate arose thereon mainly as to the committee to whom they should be referred.

Among the memorials was one presented by Mr. Johnson, from J. W. Foltz and others of Virginia, asking a collection of statistics with reference to the liquor traffic and its effects.

The Senate passed a resolution authorizing the use of a new one cent stamp and sheet for the transmission of circulars through the mails.

The temporary amendment of the steamboat bill allowing a maximum steam pressure of 150 inches instead of 110 inches to freight and tow boats navigating the Mississippi river and its tributaries, was taken up and made permanent.

The House of Representatives was occupied with the consideration of a bill for an increase of the naval force of the United States to 8,560 men, which, after considerable debate, was agreed to.

Gen. Butler made a report from the Committee on the Codification of the General Laws of the United States.

THE JUDGESHIP.

The subject of the vacant judgeship occupies no little attention here among the Virginians official and otherwise, at the Capitol. There has been a new candidate developed within the past day or two. Mr. Clinton Lloyd, of Loudoun, a clerk of the House of Representatives, but it is not believed that he will prove a formidable adversary to the gentlemen before him in the field.

A strong movement is being made for Mr. S. E. Beach, of Alexandria, who is supported by the Attorney General. John S. Milson, of Norfolk, is also pressed with vigor, and it is said that the contest is now narrowed down between Mr. Beach and Mr. Milson.

The friends of Judge Willoughby declare, however, that he is in the ascendant, nor have the friends of Mr. Hughes ceased to labor for his appointment.

It is quite certain that no appointment will be made for a day or two yet.

FOREIGN NEWS.

VERSAILLES, Dec. 10.—M. Lachaud, counsel for Marshal Bazaine, finished his address this morning. He declared that as the Marshal did not surrender in open field, he was guiltless of violating article 210 of the army code. Judgment will probably be given this evening.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A special dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette says that as Baron Reuter has not begun the work of internal improvement in Persia within the time fixed upon the Shah has declared the convention void.

Particulars of a Murder.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—Further developments regarding the murder of Richard Botticher by Young Cronenbold yesterday are to the effect that Botticher had seduced Miss Cronenbold; that their marriage was favored by Mrs. Cronenbold on this account, and that Young Cronenbold murdered Botticher to avenge the wrong done his sister. Botticher was thirty-five years old. He had been employed by Mrs. Cronenbold as coachman and man of all work about the house, and it is alleged, won the affections of Miss Cronenbold and effected her ruin last summer during the absence of young Cronenbold in Europe. Miss Cronenbold is only 16 and her brother 22 years old.

Vessels Ashore.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 10.—The British bark Annie Jane, of Dublin, laden with old railroad iron, is ashore twenty-five miles south of Cape Henry.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 10.—The steamship Texas, from Liverpool, for New Orleans, via Port Royal, went ashore on Tuesday on the Stone Horse, seven miles south of Tybee bar, during a thick fog. Steamers have gone to her assistance. No damage is apprehended.

Excitement.

NEW CASTLE, DEL., Dec. 10.—Great excitement prevailed here last night, caused by reports that thirteen hundred men were on their way down from Philadelphia to rescue the bank burglars now in prison here. The citizens turned out well armed, supported by a detachment of the Wilmington police, to give the rescuers a warm reception.

Railway Collision.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A dispatch from Birmingham says a serious collision occurred on the railway near that city this morning. Thirty persons are reported killed and injured. A heavy fog prevailed at the time of the disaster and it was impossible for either engine driver to see the approaching train.

London Fog.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—London is again enveloped in a dense fog this morning. There were numerous accidents yesterday, both in the streets and on the Thames. The hospitals are filled with people who were run over or otherwise wounded. On the river three persons were killed by collisions between various craft.

Temperance Convention.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 10.—The State Temperance Convention met here to-day adopted strong prohibitory resolutions, and nominated Dr. John Blackmar, of Sandwich, for Governor and David Heald, of Melford, for Railroad Commissioner.

Fires.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 10.—The depot, flour mills, together with grain sheds, &c., in this place, burned last night. Loss \$45,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A block of buildings in Easttown, N. J., were burned last night. Loss not stated.

The Self Accused Nathan Murderer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—John T. Irving, the self accused Nathan murderer, has been sentenced for burglary to seven years and six months imprisonment.

Naval.

FORT MONROE, Va., Dec. 10.—The United States steamer Powhatan and Monitor Miantahao passed the Fort at noon to-day for the Norfolk navy yard to take on coal.

Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—3:20 p. m.—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £156,000.

Weather Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10, 11 a. m.

For the Middle States, partly cloudy or clear weather and light northwesterly winds will prevail during the day, the pressure increasing with a slight fall in temperature. For the Southern States, less cloudiness and light northerly to easterly winds and lower temperature, especially on the Atlantic coast.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The chain gang, nine strong, were at work cleaning King street to-day, and with their iron appendages, attracted considerable attention. The whole force was not out owing to the continued want of balls and chains, and when the supply of these, that has been sent for, arrives, Captain Waring's command will be complete. One of those who appear in imposing numbers. One of those, a colored boy named Harry Carter, became mischievous and had to be locked up in the station house.

No canal boats have arrived here for the last three days, and navigation on the Alexandria canal may be said to have been virtually suspended for the winter, only, however, because there is no more business to be done. Hands were engaged to-day in putting in a new outlet lock. The Maryland Coal Company is still shipping coal from Cumberland to Georgetown.

A difficulty occurred at the oyster dock between Mr. Valentine, the Inspector, and John Jenkins, a dealer, in consequence of a delay on the part of the latter to pay the tax of one cent a bushel on the oysters he purchased. Neither was hurt, however.

Among the strangers in the city to-day was Mr. George C. Wedderburn, managing editor of the Richmond Enquirer, who was here to attend a proposed meeting of the Virginia Telegraph Company.

Mr. R. R. McCain, the Superintendent of the Western Union telegraph office in this city, is lying at the point of death from typhoid dysentery.

A telegram received here this afternoon from Prince Edward Court House announces the death, at that place, of James Potts Smith, son of James P. Smith, formerly of this city.

Mr. Joe Travers, of Washington, owner of Piney Point, was married at the pavilion at the last named place yesterday to the widow of the late Capt. Jack Guther.

Mr. Jas. Cline returned from a day's shooting in Potomac creek last night with fourteen pairs of canvas back ducks and twenty pairs of shufflers.

William King, a hand on the sloop Imagine, fell overboard at the oyster dock this morning but saved himself.

The condition of the well at the corner of Prince and Payne streets is said to be dangerous, and certainly requires attention.

The street gas lamp at the intersection of Prince and Fayette streets exploded last night with a loud noise.

The un-god ball of the Jolly Sixteen will be given at Stewart's hall to-night.

A colored military company was organized in this city last night and its officers elected.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Stocks active. Gold 92. Flour firm and quiet. Wheat quiet and firm. Corn quiet and unchanged.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 10.—Wax, sixes, consolidated, 50 1/2. West Va's, 10 bid to day. Cotton dull; low middlings 14 1/4. Flour active and in good demand. Wheat strong and steady; white choice 18 1/2; fair to prime do. 16 1/2; 18 1/2; common to fair do. 14 1/2; 16 1/2; Ohio and Indiana 16 1/2; Pennsylvania 15 1/2; amber Western 16 1/2. Corn strong and active; white Southern 60 1/2; yellow do. 59 1/2; mixed Western 57 1/2. Oats firmer; Southern 48 1/2; Western mixed 47 1/2; do. white 45 1/2. Rye firmer. Hays unchanged. Provisions strong; want of stock restricts business.

NOTICE.—A call meeting of the stockholders of the GERMAN CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING ASSOCIATION No. 2, will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 10th, 1873, at 7 1/2 o'clock, over J. M. Stewart's dry goods store, to elect three trustees, and to consider the recommendation of the Board of Directors for a further issue of stock.

K. KEMPER, Secretary.

NOTICE.—This is to give notice that I shall be at the Custom House of Alexandria, Va., on the 12th and 13th instants, for the purpose of receiving payment on bonds returned as delinquent according to advertisement.

dec 2-td V. P. CORBETT, Treasurer.

NOTICE.—THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of Alexandria county will meet at the Court House of the county, on the SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY, on which day all persons having claims against the county will present them.

dec 1-td DAVID HUNTER, Clerk.

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Baltimore, Md., August 4, 1873.

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